



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 4, 2015
Schedule 16

PLEASE NOTE: February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 4, 2015

SB 232 Senator Cassilly

DEATH OR LIFE-THREATENING INJURY BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL – SUBSEQUENT OFFENDERS – PENALTIES

Establishing subsequent offender penalties of imprisonment not to exceed 15 years or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both for specified offenses that result in the death or life-threatening injury to another as the result of a specified person driving, operating, or controlling a vehicle or vessel; and providing that specified offenses committed in another state or federal jurisdiction are to be considered for the application of specified subsequent offender penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 2-209, 2-210, 2-503 through 2-506, and 3-211 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 233 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOOD BANK FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 234 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROOF REPAIR HO. CO. 9–15**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Historical Society, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Howard County Historical Society facility, including repair of the roof, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 235 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HISTORIC CLOVER HILL FARM HOUSE RESTORATION HO. CO. 10–15**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Clover Hill Farm House, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 236 Howard County Senators

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION HO. CO. 2–15

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion, and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 237 Senator Madaleno, et al

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – PAY IT FORWARD PILOT PROGRAM AND TUITION FREEZE – STUDIES

Requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to study the creation of a potential Pay It Forward Pilot Program; requiring the study to consider specified items; requiring the Board of Regents to study whether public institutions of higher education could successfully implement specified tuition freeze programs; providing for the termination of the Act; and requiring the Board of Regents to report its findings and recommendations on the potential programs on or before December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 238 Senator Madaleno, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – JUBILEE ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jubilee Association of Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Jubilee Association of Maryland Community Center project, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 239 **Senator Madaleno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – WARNER MANOR**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Warner Manor, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 240 **Senator Madaleno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE WRITER’S CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Writer’s Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Writer’s Center facility, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 241 **Senator Astle****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES – REQUIRED**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide specified health insurance benefits under specified insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for specified equipment and supplies used for the treatment of ostomies; requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt by regulation and periodically update a list of specified ostomy equipment and supplies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-848 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 242 **Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SAMARITAN HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Samaritan House, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Samaritan House project, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 243 **Senator Feldman, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – SERVICE CONTRACTS – REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the definition of “service contract”, for purposes of provisions of law governing procurement contracts for services, to include services provided within a State-owned facility; requiring that specified units submit a specified demonstration to exclusive representatives; requiring that specified units meet with exclusive representatives to discuss alternatives to service contracts; requiring that service contracts be subject to an audit to determine compliance with specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SP, §§ 13-401 and 13-405 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 244 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE – RENEWAL OF LICENSES**

Requiring the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice to stagger the terms of specified licenses; providing that, before a specified date, a license to practice occupational therapy or limited occupational therapy may be renewed for a specified term; providing that, during a specified time period, a license expires on a date set by the Board and may be renewed in a specified manner; requiring the Board to renew licenses in a specified manner during a specified time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 10-311 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 245 **Senator Pugh****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – NEW CITY OF HOPE COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the New City of Hope Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 246 **Senator Pugh****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – IN FOR OF BUILDING RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of In For Of, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the In For Of Building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 247 **Senator Pugh****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – PIGTOWN FACADE RESTORATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pigtown Main Street, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Pigtown Facade Restoration project, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 248 **Senator Pugh**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – 908–912 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Pigtown Main Street, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the 908–912 Washington Boulevard project, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 249 **Senator Pugh**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Economic Empowerment Coalition, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Economic Empowerment Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 250 **Senator Pugh**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GARRETT–JACOBS MANSION SAFETY AND ACCESS PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion Endowment Fund, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Garrett–Jacobs Mansion, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 251 **Senator Pugh, et al****PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD –
SCHOOL COUNSELORS – CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT
(LAURYN’S LAW)**

Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board to require, beginning on or after July 1, 2016, applicants for certification as a school counselor to have successfully completed a specified course regarding the recognition of, initial screening for, and response to emotional and behavioral distress in students and other individuals; requiring a specified course to include specified information; requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 6-704.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 252 **Senator Pugh****INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

Enacting, with specified other member states, the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; establishing the purpose of the Compact; establishing specified eligibility requirements for a physician to receive specified licensure; requiring physicians to designate a specified state as the state of principal license for purposes of specified registration for specified expedited licensure; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HO, § 14-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 253 **Senator Edwards****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY
COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER ADOPTION AND CARE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Management Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Allegany County Animal Shelter Adoption and Care Center, located in Allegany County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 254 **Senator Edwards**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – DEEP CREEK LAKE BUY
DOWN AREA PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Authorizing the Department of General Services to establish a program to offer the owners of properties adjoining Deep Creek Lake the right to purchase the land contiguous to their land at a price not to exceed the per-square-foot price the State paid to purchase the lake in February 2000; providing that the parcels sold under the program are subject to the same covenants and restrictions as parcels sold under a similar program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 255 **Senator Edwards**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Emergency Operations Center, located in Garrett County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 256 **Senator Pinsky, et al**MARYLAND SHORELINE RISK ASSESSMENT, PREPARATION, AND
ADAPTATION ACT

Requiring the Department of Agriculture on or before July 1, 2016 to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of climate change on agriculture in the State; requiring the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science to establish specified sea level rise projections; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to update Maryland Environmental Policy Act guidelines; altering the State's Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy to include the consideration of climate change risks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

AG, § 2-108 and EN, § 2-1212 - added and NR, § 1-304 and SF, §§ 3-602.3 and 5-7A-01 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 257 **Senator Pinsky, et al****AGRICULTURE – NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT – PHOSPHORUS
MANAGEMENT TOOL**

Incorporating by reference specified nutrient management plan requirements in the Maryland Nutrient Management Manual of the Department of Agriculture and any supplements to the Manual; establishing specified content and criteria for a nutrient management plan developed for an agricultural operation; providing that a specified agricultural certification does not prevent the application or enforcement of specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

AG, §§ 8-801 and 8-1006 - amended and §§ 8-808 and 8-808.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 258 **Senator Pinsky, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Establishing the Commission on Climate Change in the Department of the Environment to advise the Governor and General Assembly on ways to mitigate the causes of, prepare for, and adapt to the consequences of climate change; establishing the membership of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish specified working groups; requiring the Commission, on or before November 15 of each year, to report to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EN, §§ 2-1301 through 2-1306 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 259 **Senator Jennings****ELECTION LAW – DEADLINE DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY**

Increasing, from 2 to 7, the number of days by which an individual who has filed a certificate of candidacy for an election may withdraw the candidacy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 5-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 260 **Senator Jennings**

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – K9 VETERANS DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 13 as K9 Veterans Day.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 261 **Senator Jennings, et al**

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION – ARMORED CAR COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Authorizing the Secretary of State Police to accept a background investigation performed on behalf of specified armored car companies in place of a specified criminal history records check performed by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 262 **Senator Jennings**

MARYLAND BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – ENERGY CODES – LOCAL AUTHORITY

Authorizing a local jurisdiction to adopt amendments to the Maryland Building Performance Standards that are equivalent to the requirements of specified international energy conservation and energy efficiency codes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 12-504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 263 Senator DeGrange**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Arts Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Arts Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 264 Senator Miller**CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY – FEES FOR APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL**

Increasing to \$20 from \$10 specified appearance of counsel fees collected or charged by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County; and altering the purposes for which the appearance fees deposited into the Calvert County Law Library Fund may be used.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 7-204(a)(1) and (f) - amended and § 7-204(a)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 265 Calvert County Senators**CALVERT COUNTY – ELECTRONIC BINGO AND ELECTRONIC TIP JARS – DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX REVENUES**

Extending through fiscal year 2019 a specified distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars in Calvert County; altering the amount of a specified distribution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 2-202 and NR, § 5-1901(f)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 266 **Senator Hough, et al****EDUCATION – PRIVACY OF EDUCATION RECORDS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION OF STUDENTS**

Authorizing the State Department of Education, the State Board of Education, a county board of education, a local school system, a primary school, or a secondary school to collect or disclose the education records, or personally identifiable information contained in the education records, of a student only as necessary or required for specified purposes; prohibiting a person from requiring a specified student, without prior written consent, to submit to a survey, an analysis, or an evaluation that reveals specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 7-1701 through 7-1706 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 267 **Senator Hough, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CAT AND DOG ADOPTION**

Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of \$100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 268 **Senator Hough, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – BALTIMORE CITY DETENTION CENTER – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Abolishing the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing for the transfer of property, assets, licenses, credits, and rights of the Baltimore City Detention Center to the Mayor of Baltimore City; requiring the State to pay all the operating and capital costs of the Baltimore City Detention Center in fiscal years 2016 through 2018, one-half the costs in 2019, and providing that Baltimore City pay all the operating and capital costs in fiscal year 2020; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CS, Various Sections - amended and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 269 **Senator Lee, et al**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – ADDITIONAL RELIEF

Expanding the relief that may be awarded in an interim protective order to include any other relief that a District Court commissioner determines is appropriate; and expanding the relief that may be awarded in a temporary protective order and a final protective order to include any other relief that a judge determines is appropriate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 4-504.1(c), 4-505(a)(2), and 4-506(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 270 **Senator Lee, et al**

PROTECTIVE ORDER AND PEACE ORDER PETITIONS – MARYLAND RESIDENTS

Authorizing the filing of a protective order petition if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the person eligible for relief is a resident of the State; and authorizing the filing of a peace order petition if a specified act is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the petitioner is a resident of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 4-504(a) and CJ, § 3-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 271 **Senator Kelley, et al**

ELECTION LAW – USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR MEETING AND CONFERENCE EXPENSES

Including as an allowable expenditure of funds from a campaign account under the State election law a disbursement to pay for travel, lodging, meals, and registration expenses associated with attendance of an office holder or a candidate at meetings or conferences focused on legislative issues, process, or public policy analysis pertinent to the office the elected official holds or that the candidate seeks.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 1-101(aa) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 272 **Senator Kelley, et al****REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by a specified adult child, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 13-101 through 13-103 and 13-106 through 13-109 and HG, §§ 16-101(f) and 16-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 273 **Senator Kelley****MARYLAND COLLABORATIVE REPRODUCTION ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Collaborative Reproduction Act; establishing the purposes of the Act; establishing rights and obligations of specified intended parents who use gamete or embryo donors to conceive a child through collaborative reproduction; establishing specified rights of a child conceived through collaborative reproduction; establishing that a gamete or an embryo donor is not a parent of a child conceived through collaborative reproduction under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-901 through 5-914 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 274 **Harford County Senators****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – HARFORD COUNTY – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Harford County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Harford County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 275 **Senator Norman, et al**TRANSPORTATION – THOMAS J. HATEM MEMORIAL BRIDGE –
DISCOUNTED VARIABLE TOLL RATE FOR COMMUTERS

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to establish discounted variable toll rate for specified commuters who cross the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily; requiring specified persons to register with the Authority and present documentation and other information to qualify for the discounted variable toll rate; authorizing the Authority to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 4-406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 276 **Senator Norman**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESPONSIBLE
OPERATOR

Specifying that an applicant for a Class H–CC (corporate club/conference center) beer, wine and liquor license is not required to own at least 25 percent of a business in order to qualify as a responsible operator for the purpose of obtaining an alcoholic beverages license in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 9-101(k) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 277 **Senator Cassilly, et al**

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDERS – ADDITIONAL RELIEF

Authorizing a judge in a final protective order to order the respondent to remain a specified distance away from the residence, place of employment, school, or temporary residence of a person eligible for relief.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

FL, § 4-506(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 278 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – HEALTH AND SAFETY – FOOD TRANSPARENCY**

Requiring specified local school systems to create specified dining menus; requiring a specified dining menu to include specified information under specified circumstances; requiring specified local school systems to post specified information on the local school system's Web site; requiring specified public schools to provide a specified link on the public school's Web site under specified circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-437 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 279 Senator Montgomery, et al**PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – CONTRACTOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a prospective bidder or offeror when submitting a bid or offer for a public work contract to submit to the public body a specified contractor safety and health plan and a specified attestation; requiring a contract safety and health plan to include specified information; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to develop a specified safety and health calculation worksheet and specified safety and health rating system; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SF, §§ 17-801 through 17-807 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs